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Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

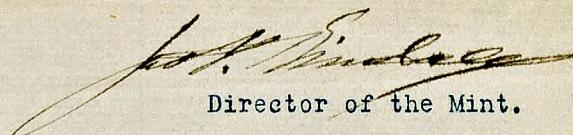
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This reduction of force should be arranged by retention of the best workmen and discharge of the least efficient, and without political preference.

I know of no reason why this reduction of force should not be carried out immediately.

Respectfully yours,



Director of the Mint.

Treasury Dept
Washington, D.C.
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James P. Kimball
Director.

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Mr. James P. Kimball, Director of the U.S. Mint,
Washington, D.C., May 18, 1888.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the force of 250 men now engaged in the
Melting Department of the U.S. Mint is now and heretofore
70 more than is necessary to conduct the business of the
Mint. Your Honor's Excellency James G. Blaine, the
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